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BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTICES

The Association has received from Rev. George L. Crockett, Rector of Christ's Church, San Augustine, Texas, a file of *The Red-Lander*, complete, except for one or two numbers, from October 2, 1845, to April 9, 1846. This paper was published at San Augustine.

The following is the title of a pamphlet recently issued: *Account of the removal of the remains of Stephen F. Austin from Peach Point Cemetery in Brazoria County, Texas, to State Cemetery, Austin, Texas, October 18 to 20, 1910.* The pamphlet was compiled by Guy M. Bryan, Jr., of Houston, and contains 56 pages.

The *Bulletin* of the Virginia State Library for January, 1911, contains a "List of the Official Publications of the Confederate Government in the Virginia State Library and the Library of the Confederate Memorial Society." In an introduction other important bibliographies in this field are mentioned, and the libraries possessing extensive collections are named. In an appendix are reprinted four reports made by the Superintendent of Public Printing of the Confederacy.

Translations of Early Texas Session Laws.—The State Library has recently secured by purchase three rare items belonging to the early legal bibliography of the Republic and State of Texas. The most valuable of these is a translation into Spanish of 116 of the important general laws passed by the first three Congresses of the Republic of Texas, 1836-1841. The volume was printed at Houston in 1841 and the translation was made by S. P. Andrews. In addition to the laws, it contains translations of the Declaration of November 7, 1835, of the Plan and Powers of the Provisional Government of Texas, of the Declaration of Independence, and of the Constitution, adopted March 17, 1836.

The second item is a translation into German, printed in Roman type, of 101 of the general laws of the third session of the State

legislature, 1849-1850; it was translated into German by Albert Max von Germar and was printed at Austin in 1850.

The third item is a German translation, printed in German type and transliterated, of 62 of the general laws and 17 of the special laws of the fifth State legislature, 1853-1854. The translator was Alexander Rossy; the press "der San Antonio-Zeitungs-Office," 1854.

The State Library already had a German translation of part of the laws of the fourth State legislature made by C. N. Riotte and printed at Galveston in 1853.

The rarity of the volumes is apparent from the fact that they are not mentioned in Raines's *Bibliography of Texas* nor in any other bibliographical aid as far as has been discovered. Further, their existence was not known to the Library of Congress, the library of Harvard University Law School, the New York Public Library, or the New York State Library, which are the largest law libraries in the country, until an inquiry was addressed to them by the State Library at Austin.

Translations of session laws into German, Spanish and Norwegian (this in 1858) were authorized at various times between 1837 and 1858 but it is not definitely known just how many authorized translations were actually made. And of those made it is not known how many are still extant. Copies of these laws no doubt exist in localities where Spanish, German and Norwegian are spoken, since the laws authorizing the translations in the early days specified that they should be distributed where they would be of most use. Any one who will aid in locating additional copies of these laws or in furnishing information relative to them will receive the hearty and deserved thanks of the State Library, which is endeavoring to collect and preserve the annals of the State.

JOHN BOYNTON KAISER.

Laws and Decrees of Coahuila and Texas Wanted.—Certain decrees are omitted from the compilation of *Laws and Decrees of Coahuila and Texas*, translated by J. P. Kimball and published at Houston in 1839. Among those omitted are those listed below, which are much needed, and any information concerning them will be gratefully acknowledged by the State Library, Austin, Texas.

Decrees of the constituent congress:

No. 37. Regulations to be observed in the administration of the towns as regards the political economy thereof. Dated June 13, 14, or 15, 1827.

No. 39. Law for the regulation of justice. Dated June 20, 21 or 22, 1827.

Decrees of the constitutional congress:

No. 48. Rules of the executive council. Dated somewhere between March 16 and April 12, 1828.

No. 98. Municipal ordinances for the internal regulation of the ayuntamiento of Bexar. Dated May 29 or 30, 1829.

No. 99. Municipal ordinances of the ayuntamiento of Goliad. Dated May 29 or 30, 1829.

No. 102. Internal regulations of the executive department of the State. Dated May 29 or 30, 1829.

The Unvarnished West: Ranching as I found It. By J. M. Pollock. London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co., n. d. [1907?] p. 253. 8vo.

The author is an Englishman. In the early eighties he went to Wisconsin and spent a year as a hired hand on a farm. Then for six or eight years he lived in the Concho country northwest of San Angelo, Texas, and the volume he says is mainly "a record of experiences which fell to my lot while ranching?" The merit of the volume consists in the picture it preserves of the life on a cattle ranch in that section of Texas. Some of the topics are the trackless plains, "free-grass" troubles, droughts and windmills, prairie fires; game and hunting, skunks and rattlesnakes, coyotes; the cattle, the round-ups, cattle drives, northers and stampedes; the cow boy and his pony, horse trading, cooking and plain fare, the hard bed and unwelcome bedfellows, sunshine and shadows of the range. The illustrations, while perhaps reproduced from photographs of more recent date than the events narrated, are judiciously selected and well reproduced. The narrative is plain and straightforward and the views expressed indicate an understanding of and sympathy with the life described. W.